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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : You-Di Liao  
Serial No. : 10/813,549  
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Title : REMOVAL OF N-TERMINAL METHIONINE FROM PROTEINS BY  
ENGINEERED METHIONINE AMINOPEPTIDASE

Art Unit : 1653  
Examiner : Unknown

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted before the first Office Action for the above-referenced application. The Examiner is requested to enter this amendment prior to examination of this application.

In the event that a telephone call could expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (650) 839-5044.

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